

They remain *abiders in the result of once-returner who are Leapers* for as long as they do not become non-returners upon achieving the temporary or irrevocable cessation of the ninth types of mundane innate affliction of the Desire Realm.

Please note that (like Gradual-Attainers) Leapers are Gradual-Eliminators and thus eliminate the different types of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm and their supramundane counterparts sequentially.

From the perspective of exertion, there are two further categories of abiders in the result of once-returner:

- 1) Simple abiders in the result of once-returner
- 2) Special abiders in the result of once-returner

1) Simple abiders in the result of once-returner

Simple abiders in the result of once-returner (*phyir 'ong 'bras gnas tsam po ba*) are once-returners who do not abide on an uninterrupted path that strives to attain the next result of non-returner.

In general, any uninterrupted path in the continuum of a once-returner is an uninterrupted path that strives to attain the next result of non-returner.

Examples of simple abiders in the result of once-returner are once-returners who are leapers, and who abide on the supramundane path of release of the path of seeing that attains the irrevocable cessation of the three fetters. Such a path of release does not strive to attain the result of non-returner, for it merely rests in the state of attainment of the irrevocable cessation of intellectually acquired afflictive obstructions. Other examples are once-returners who are Gradual-Attainers and who abide on the seventh mundane path of release of the preparatory stage of the first concentration that attains the temporary cessation of the seventh type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm. This path of release does not strive to attain the result of non-returner since it merely rests in the state of attainment of the temporary cessation of the seventh type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm.

2) Special abiders in the result of once-returner

Special abiders in the result of once-returner (*phyir 'ong 'bras gnas khyad par can*) are once-returners who abide on an uninterrupted path that strives to attain the result of non-returner.

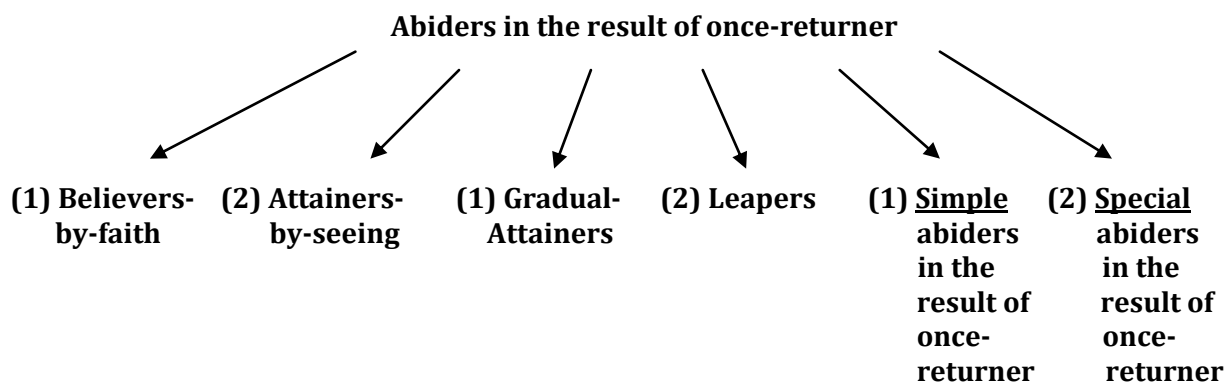
As mentioned above, any uninterrupted path in the continuum of a once-returner is an uninterrupted path that strives to attain the next result of non-returner. Therefore, any uninterrupted path in the continuum of a once-returner that temporarily or irrevocably eliminates one of the seventh, eighth, or ninth types of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm (which are the principal afflictions that prevent a once-returner from attaining the result of non-returner) is an uninterrupted path that strives to attain the next result of non-returner. Such an uninterrupted path refers to either (1) a mundane uninterrupted path of the preparatory stage of the first concentration in the continuum of a once-returner, which *temporarily* eliminates one of the seventh, eighth, or ninth types of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm, or it refers to (2) one of the first eight supramundane uninterrupted paths of the path of meditation which *irrevocably* eliminates any of the seventh, eighth, or ninth types of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm.

Please note that *special abiders in the result of once-returner* and *approachers to the result of non-returner* are equivalent.

Examples of special abiders in the result of once-returner are once-returners who abide on the fourth supramundane uninterrupted path which irrevocably eliminates the seventh type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm (as well as the fourth type of supramundane innate afflictions of the Desire, Form, and Formless Realms).

Other examples of special abiders in the result of once-returner are once-returners called 'one-life-one-obstacle' (*tshe gcig bar chad gcig pa*) or 'special abiders in the result of once-returner [who have] one life, one obstacle' (*phyir 'ong 'bras gnas tshe gcig bar chad gcig pa*). Special abiders in the result of once-returner [who have] one life, one obstacle are special once-returners because they abide on a mundane or supramundane uninterrupted path. They 'have one life' because they will take one more rebirth as celestial beings of the Desire Realm before they attain self-liberation. And they 'have one obstacle' because they have not yet eliminated the ninth type of mundane innate afflictions of the

Desire Realm, which is the last obstacle to reaching the result of non-returner. In brief, *special abiders in the result of once-returner who [have] one life, one obstacle* are special once-returners who will take one more rebirth as celestial beings of the Desire Realm, and who have at least temporarily or irrevocably eliminated the seventh type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm. Some *special abiders in the result of once-returner who [have] one life, one obstacle* may have also temporarily or irrevocably eliminated the eighth type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm. Yet there are no *one-life-one-obstacle once-returners* who have eliminated the ninth type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm, for the temporary or irrevocable cessation of that type of afflictions marks the first moment of the attainment of the result of non-returner.



APPROACHERS TO THE RESULT OF NON-RETURNER

Approachers to the result of non-returner are Hinayana Aryas who abide on the interrupted path that strives to attain the result of non-returner.

Approachers to the result of non-returner can be classified into two:

1. Approachers to the result of non-returner who are Gradual-Attainers
2. Approachers to the result of non-returner who are Leapers

1) *Approachers to the result of non-returner who are Gradual-Attainers*

Approachers to the result of non-returner who are Gradual-Attainers (*'bras bu rim gyis pa'i phyir mi 'ong zhugs pa*) are Hinayana Aryas who did not eliminate the sixth type of mundane innate afflictions prior to reaching the path of seeing and who became stream-enterers when they attained the cessation of the three fetters (intellectually acquired afflictive obstructions). Thereafter they achieved the temporary or irrevocable cessation of the sixth type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm, without at the same time also attaining the irrevocable cessation of the sixth type of *supramundane* innate afflictions of the Desire Realm. Attaining the temporary or irrevocable cessation of the sixth type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm marked their becoming abiders in the result of once-returners.

Presently they are both special abiders in the result of once-returner and *approachers to the result of non-returner*.

They are both special abiders in the result of once-returner and *approachers to the result of non-returner* because they abide on an uninterrupted path that mainly strives to attain the result of non-returner.

Hence, once-returners who abide on an uninterrupted path that temporarily or irrevocably eliminates any of the seventh, eighth, or ninth types of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm (which are the principal afflictions that prevent a once-returner from attaining the result of non-returner) are necessarily *approachers to the result of non-returner*.

Please note that an uninterrupted path that eliminates any of the seventh, eighth or ninth types of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm refers to either (1) a mundane uninterrupted path (of the preparatory stage of the first concentration) which *temporarily* eliminates one of the seventh, eighth, or ninth types of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm, or (2) any of the first eight